

IN THE CLAIMS:

A redacted version of the amended claims showing additions and deletions is provided in the appendix. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims is as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A method for making a plastic dry food container, said method comprising the steps of:
  - a) forming a thin sheet of ethylene vinyl alcohol film as an interior surface of the container;
  - b) placing a dry food product within said container, wherein the dry food product acts as a desiccant to draw moisture away from the ethylene vinyl alcohol film; and
  - c) sealing said container.
2. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the ethylene vinyl alcohol layer is less than 0.5 mils thick.
3. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the ethylene vinyl alcohol layer is approximately 0.1 mils thick.
5. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the dry food product comprises a water activity of less than .6 upon the sealing of step c.
6. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the dry food product comprises a water activity of less than .4 upon the sealing of step c.
7. (Once Amended) A multi-layer plastic container comprising:
  - an interior layer of ethylene vinyl alcohol, said layer of ethylene-vinyl alcohol being less than 0.5 mils thick;
  - a dry food product having desiccant properties sealed within said container.

8. (Unchanged) The multi-layer plastic container of claim 7 wherein said dry food product comprises a water activity of less than .6.
9. (Unchanged) The multi-layer plastic container of claim 7 wherein said dry food product comprises a water activity of less than .4.
10. (Once Amended) The multi-layer plastic container of claim 7 wherein said layer of ethylene vinyl alcohol is approximately 0.1 mils thick.